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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/661,607

Applicants: Hideo SHIMIZU, et al. Filing Date: September 15, 2003

For: POLYNOMIAL INVERSE COMPUTING

APPARATUS, MULTIPLIER APPARATUS AND POLYNOMIAL INVERSE COMPUTING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2193

Examiner: NGO, CHUONG D.

SIR:

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In response to the election requirement dated July 27, 2006, Applicant provisionally elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-14 and 17-19, drawn to a polynomial inverse computation, classified in class 708, subclass 502, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Furthermore, while the Election Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to patentably distinct inventions, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. Application No. 10/661,607 Reply to Office Action of July 27, 2006

Although the outstanding Official Action identifies different search classifications, it is believed that the claims of the present application would have to be searched in a handful of sub-classes. Furthermore, since electronic searching is commonly performed, a search may be made of a large number of, or theoretically all, subclasses without substantial additional effort. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner, whereas it would be a serious burden on Applicants to prosecute and maintain separate applications.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-19 be conducted.

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